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DEERING ROAD OPEN; I-85/SR 400 WORK SLATED FOR THE WEEKEND

ATLANTA – Deering Road, a major connecting route between Northside Drive and Peachtree Road, reopened this morning as GDOT wrapped up the project to replace the bridge at the Amtrak station. The road had been closed for eight months for the project.

"We are glad to finish this one and get the roadway open again. We opened it around 10:00 this morning," said GDOT Metro District Construction Engineer Shun Pringle. "It was a challenging project but I know that commuters who have regularly used that road in the past will be happy."

As for the weekend, work on I-85 northbound near State Route 400 and on I-285 in both directions between Riverside Drive and Roswell Road will slow traffic with triple lane closures. Three lanes will be closed from Armour Drive (MP 86) to the SR 400 exit (MP 87) as contractors continue work on the big interchange project, weather permitting. Heavy delays are expected and motorists should plan ahead and seek alternate routes to avoid backups.

Additionally, single lane closures will be in place in various locations around I-285, on I-75 and on I-20 for drain cleaning, shoulder sweeping and sign upgrades.

Motorists can access real-time, statewide, route-specific information on accidents, road work, traffic and weather conditions through **Georgia 511** - a free phone service. By dialing 511, callers also can transfer to operators to 24 hours a day to report incidents or request assistance. The system can be used to access transit providers, major airports, rideshare organizations, tourism information and 511 systems in surrounding states. Additionally, 511 is available online. Georgia DOT partners with sponsors for assistance in funding 511, thereby preserving tax dollars and helping sustain critical services. For more information about 511, visit 511ga.org. For information on the Department of Transportation, visit http://www.dot.ga.gov; you also may follow Georgia DOT on Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT) and Twitter (http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT) and Twitter (http://twitter.com/gadeptoftrans).